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HONGKONG, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

MAJOR-GEN. SIR WILLIAM J. GASCOIGNE, K.C.M.G., who took over the command of the troops in this Colony in December, 1898, on Major-General Black's departure, is to leave us early this morning on the steamship *Siberia*, homeward bound. Nearly five years of military command have been the lot of General Gascoigne, diversified with two terms of administration of the government of the whole Colony. During this period the General has won for himself the general liking and respect of all civilians and military alike. Some idea of his popularity may be gathered from the proceedings on the *Siberia* yesterday evening, when so many of his friends were present to bid him and Lady Gascoigne farewell. But there were very many more, who were not present on that occasion, who yet have the warmest esteem for the late military head of this Colony. His personal character and amiability were chiefly responsible for this, but his success as commander of the garrison, coupled with his efficient rule of Hongkong in April-June, 1900, and January-September, 1902, when H.E. Sir Henry Blake was absent from the Colony, contributed very largely also to his reputation here. Though not of a disposition to put himself forward, General Gascoigne was forced by the circumstances of his period of office in Hongkong to take a prominent place on many occasions. In his first term as Acting Governor it was before him that the memorable review of the crew of H.M.S. *Terrible*, just arrived from South Africa, took place on the 9th May, 1900; while it also fell to him to hold the last public reception in Hongkong in celebration of the late Queen

Victoria's birthday. In the busy times which Hongkong experienced during the "Boxer" troubles up North, General Gascoigne worked hard at his post, and in recognition of his services he was awarded the K.C.M.G., with which he was invested by H.E. the Governor at Government House on the 2nd November, 1901. During the next year, 1902, General Gascoigne had a much larger burden of responsibilities thrown upon his shoulders, since Sir Henry Blake was absent from the Colony more than eight months—from the 4th January to the 9th September. He was therefore called upon to be the central figure in connection with His Majesty the King's coronation celebration, and among the festivities in connection with this notable event he had the duty of turning the first sod of King's Park, Kowloon, on the 4th August, 1902. It was in this term of his administration of the Colony that the great Water Bill was introduced into the Legislative Council, which has now been upset by a new Bill. General Gascoigne took a very keen interest in this question and felt deeply the way in which he was, so to speak, betrayed by a change of opinion on the part of one of the experts. In all ways during his acting governorship of Hongkong he manifested the fullest anxiety to meet the wishes of the community, just as in his capacity as head of the troops he paid careful attention to the welfare of his men. His support of the Soldiers' Club and many other schemes to benefit the soldiers will ever be remembered gratefully. Sir William Gascoigne's departure from the Colony will create a blank which it will be hard to fill, and the best wishes of Hongkong will follow him and Lady Gascoigne, who has won for herself a place in the hearts of the community, and among no section more than among the garrison's women-folk. Both leave behind in Hongkong the sincerest regrets for their departure.

A fatal Chinese plague case was reported during the day ending at noon yesterday.

The Long Vacation of the Supreme Court begins on the 21st inst. and lasts till the 17th prox.

The *Shanghai Mercury* reports that a letter dated September 2nd states that plague broke out in Newchwang and though not yet officially announced it is reported that 200 deaths had occurred up to date of writing.

A secret conference has taken place between M. Lessor and Li Lien-ying, the Empress Dowager's favourite eunuch, at White Cloud Temple, near Peking. It is supposed to have had reference to the making of a loan from the Russo-Chinese Bank, i.e. from Russia.

Sir William Goodman, who has been unable through indisposition to attend the duties of Chief Justice for the last week or so, and whose place has been meanwhile filled by Mr. Justice Wise, is expected to be able to attend the Court to-day. The Criminal Sessions start on Friday.

The papers arriving by yesterday's mail from Shanghai report the death from cholera of Mr. Barker, late third officer of the C.M. steamer *Kiangsu*, after a few hours illness. When the vessel arrived at Kiangsu, Mr. C. Papp, the chief officer, and Mr. Cousins, acting second engineer, were landed in a serious condition suffering from the same disease. Mr. L. Burns, third officer of the same ship, who was landed at Wuhs some time ago suffering from cholera, has now entirely recovered and has rejoined the ship.

It is reported on good authority, says the *N.C. Daily News*, that Russia made a communication to our authorities to the effect that she would be pleased to see British Consulates established at Harbin and Moukden. The reply of our authorities was that they were contemplating sending Consuls to these towns, but that they would, of course, be accredited to the Chinese Government.

The s.s. *Knivberg*, which arrived at Tientsin on the 6th inst., reported that she passed, between Hawke Island and Chafco, the wreck of a four-masted sailing vessel laden with lumber. Two masts were broken off and lying in the water. The vessel had a large hole in her starboard side and her stern was under water. She had been abandoned by her crew, seemingly in a hurry. When last seen she was about 10 miles from Hawke Island and drifting south.

In an article on the evils of the "chit system," the *Kobe Chronicle* says:—"If it could be made a custom to enforce payment at the end of the month, no matter how small the amount due might be, for the evil of the chit system would vanish. For if the person paying and the person receiving knew that the sum signed for must certainly be paid at the end of the month, much more care would be exercised, and there would not be such a wholesale signing of chits; there would, moreover, be less chance of bills being paid twice; people would not be so likely to be charged for what they did not have, and many would be compelled to refrain from living beyond their means; commodities generally would be cheaper; and, in short, the whole system of business would be placed on a sounder and more equitable basis than at present."

H.M.S. *Talbot* was at anchor in Poyang Lake on the 8th inst.

According to a Tientsin paper, H.E. Viceroy Shun is trying to get recalled. Is this also an invention of his enemies?

Sergt. McIntosh of the Shanghai Municipal Police has won the Arcturus Cup at the rifle range, with a score of 96.

The Japanese Company owning the Seoul Fusan railway has declared a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. for the last half-year.

To-morrow is the ninth anniversary of the battle of the Yalu River, when the Japanese fleet defeated the Chinese, who lost five vessels.

Yang Chu, the new Chinese Minister to Japan, is a Cantonese. Before he proceeds to Japan from Peking he is coming south to fetch his family.

Our outline of the cast of the A.D.C.'s forthcoming performance of *Lord and Lady Algy* was not quite correct, we find. The distribution of the parts is as yet incomplete.

An outbreak of cholera is reported from Pissanuloke, Northern Siam, where 80 people died out of a population of a few hundreds. Drinking river and Hong water is the cause attributed.

Capt. Walker of the German steamer *Sachsen* has been ordered by the Yokohama Customs authorities to pay a fine of 15 yen, owing to his having sent in a manifest which did not agree with the goods loaded.

It was reported recently in Shanghai that the Japanese Consul-General had asked the Taotai for a piece of ground for a Japanese Settlement at Lungtung; but the desired land is now said to be in the Yangtze region.

The statue of the "Taotai" as we overheard a small Chinese child calling the Duke of Connaught's effigy the other day, is becoming gradually shut in by temporary buildings in connection with the construction of the new Law Courts.

An interesting boat race took place at Chien on the 5th inst., reports the local paper, between the *Kentucky* and *Wisconsin*. The race was over a course of three miles and resulted in a win for the *Wisconsin* by 27 boat-lengths. Time 26 m. 30 sec.

The members of the Kobe Golf Club have resolved to build a Club House on ground at Rokkasan, one of the hills overlooking the harbour. Donations to an amount not exceeding 10,000 yen are to be issued bearing 8 per cent. interest.

This seems to be a year of abnormal rainfall. The Bangkok figures from the 1st January to the 31st August were over 31 inches as against under 20 inches during the same period last year. On the other hand the rainfall at Kobe during August did not register more than 0.3 inches.

A perfect rage for climbing Fuji seems to have possessed the more athletic portion of the Yokohama community this summer, says the *Japan Mail*. As soon as the regular track was declared open, early in June, the climbers began to ascend and still we hear of parties being formed, each week end, to tackle the big ascent. We are told that an American lady who has seen no less than 73 summers was recently among a party who ascended Asamayama. Owing to the long spell of fine, clear weather mountaineers this summer have been all well rewarded for their pains in the sunset effects and even more beautiful sunrises, the canopies of clouds which spelt so many trips last summer being entirely absent.

The *Japan Mail* says, commenting on the statement that Korea is disposed to adopt a temporising policy with regard to the opening of Wiju:—"A decision has been adopted at a Cabinet meeting in the sense that the opening of the Yalu port should be made conditional on the closing of Pyongyang. This project having been submitted to the Ministers to consult with the Foreign Representatives on the subject. Of course there is not the remotest chance of inducing the Foreign Powers to agree to the closing of the Yalu for the sake of opening the Yalu. Important interests have already sprung up in consequence of the accessibility of Pyongyang, and it would be a strange policy to sacrifice existing facts to uncertain contingencies. Korea is merely putting in this matter. Yet her hesitation is very natural. She evidently feels that, while refusing to sign the Yung-amho lease, she must agree to the opening of Wiju, which St. Petersburg opposes, Russia will be antagonised all along the line."

The following story, which comes from Osaka and is published in the *Kobe Herald*, is a puzzle to us, but may be more laid to some of our readers:—"A man in the Okayama prefecture was extremely dutiful for his bad tempered parents who treated him extremely cruelly. After such painful succession for several years, he recently devoted himself to try the solution of our human life. The more he meditated, the more his doubts about it increased, so that he, at last, went to Tokyo on foot, to get some advice from Mr. Kanzo Uchimura, who is the editor of *Tokio Independent* now. When they met with in one room in the capital, there was no speech between them, but over-flowing tears were on their cheeks. Some days afterwards they had second meeting once more. Then the sincere man getting inspired unspokeable and unlimitable consolation from the editor by those silent meetings, he gladly returned to his native province on foot as before. The sincerity among all the degenerated currents! Then we need no anxiety for the future Japan!"

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS'S SERVICE.

THE BALKAN TROUBLES.

LONDON, 13th September.

It is reported in Sofia that the Ministry has decided to mobilise the first and second divisions of the army quartered at Sofia and Philippopolis respectively.

THE EVACUATION OF MANCHURIA.

LONDON, 13th September.

The United States Government has been informed that Russia has requested permission from China for the postponement of the evacuation of the Kirin province of Manchuria to several months after 8th October, the date fixed for the general evacuation of Manchuria. The United States are indifferent.

DEPARTURE OF GENERAL GASCOIGNE.

After serving five years as General Commanding the Troops in Hongkong and China, H.E. Major-General Sir William Julius Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., left Hongkong yesterday and boarded the Pacific Mail s.s. *Siberia* and sailed to-day for home. At this time of day it is needless to dilate upon the services which Major-General Gascoigne has rendered in China. He occupied that important position during the troubles in the North and although he did not participate in the movements which led to the relief of the Peking Legations, upon him fell the burden of the heavy administrative work that was essential to the proper equipment of the British Force which did service with the Allied Troops. For his efficient services in that respect General Gascoigne received the order of K.C.M.G. During his tenure of the command in Hongkong also General Gascoigne had to deal with the vexatious problem which presented itself when the New Territory was being taken over and the results achieved on that as on many other occasions when the military capabilities of the General Commanding were called upon, speak for itself. As an administrative officer too, General Gascoigne exercised powers that marked him as one of the most able and popular military Acting Governors that Hongkong has known. During Sir Henry Blake's leave of absence in the coronation year the General administered the Government through a difficult period in a manner that left nothing to be desired; so that his going away may be truthfully said to be regretted by both the military and civil community of Hongkong.

When His Excellency General Gascoigne accompanied by Lady Gascoigne and Major H. W. Trefusis, A.D.C., arrived at the Blakes Pier yesterday afternoon to take his departure there was a crowd of many thousands present to see him off and wish him God-speed. A guard of honour of the Sherwood Foresters (and band) under the command of Captain Greene, D.S.O., was drawn up in front of the pier and when the General and suite appeared on the scene the general salute was given. Among those assembled to bid good-bye to the General were Colonel Brown, C.B.E.; Colonel Webb, P.M.O.; Colonel Wylie, S.E.; Colonel Candy, 14th Bombay Infantry; Colonel Ferrier, A.F.C.; Colonel Birdwood, 10th Bombay Infantry; Colonel the Rev. E. J. Hardy; Colonel Lambling, R.A.M.C.; Major Chichester, Major Bagny, A.O.C.; Major Pridmore, H.K.V.C.; Major Chapman, H.K.V.C.; Major Dopping Hippesall, R.E.; Major Bryan, R.G.A.; Major Ormiston, R.G.A.; Major Hamilton, Chief Staff Officer; Major Baker Brown, R.E.; Captain Fitzwilliams, A.S.C.; Captain Hurley, 33rd Burma; Lieut. Armstrong, K.K.V.C.; Lieut. Caulfield, 10th Bombay; Lieut. Northcote, H.K.V.C.; Captain Brown; Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G.; Right Rev. Bishop Moore; Right Rev. Bishop Pizzoli; Hon. Dr. He Kai; Commodore Robinson, Naval Yard; Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. R. Murray Ramsay, Harbour Master; Hon. Gershom Stewart, Chief Veterinary Officer; Hon. A. G. Romagnolo, His Honour A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge; Hon. C. W. Dickson, Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, P.C.M.O.; Mr. L. A. Johnston, Postmaster-General; Mr. R. F. Johnston, Clerk of Councils; Mr. J. J. Leiris, Vice-Consul for Brazil; Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. C. A. Tomes, Mr. N. A. Siebs, Mr. T. Morgan Phillips, Mr. H. N. Moly, Mr. A. Turner, Mr. J. Gosman, Mr. Murray Bain, Dr. Stedman, and many others.

After General and Lady Gascoigne had bade good-bye to their many friends on the pier they boarded the launch *Tommy Atkins* and went round the Harbour. From the *Tanar*, the *Leviathan*, and other warships in the harbour salutes were fired as the *Tommy Atkins* passed, and the colours were dipped. At Kowloon wharf the Bombar and Burmas were drawn up in line with bands and as the General's launch passed the men raised three rousing cheers for the departing General.

Afterwards the *Tommy Atkins* proceeded to the *Siberia* and the company boarded the liner. When the General's party arrived on board the *Siberia* the following message was signalled from the *Tanar*:—"Navy wishes General goodbye; pleasant voyage home."

On board the *Siberia* tea was served to General Gascoigne's party and friends, of whom a large party accompanied him on board. Later on a party supper took place, and the guests on a parting supper took place, and the guests took farewell of General and Lady Gascoigne for the last time in Hongkong. The *Siberia* was expected to sail early to-day.

Major the Hon. H. W. F. Trefusis, the General's A.D.C., also leaves by the *Siberia*.

CANTON.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 13th September.

SOLDIERS AND REBELS.

It is stated from reliable official sources that H.E. Viceroy Shun will return to Canton by the end of this month. He will have to stay a long time in Kwangsi, and yet it is doubtful whether he will in the end be able to suppress the rebellion, for the rebels are no despicable foes. It is also stated that the Cantonese soldiers and the rebels are very friendly with each other. Whenever, for instance, the Cantonese soldiers were in need of opium they used to tie a piece of rag to a bamboo, and waving it in the air, signalled to the rebels what they wanted; and the rebels, seeing it, sent opium to them in exchange for ammunition. It has been frequently the case that when the Cantonese soldiers were not well enough treated by their commanders they deserted to the rebels. It is also reported that in battle both the Cantonese troops and the rebels have fired their shots into the air, and after hours of sham fight no one has been killed or wounded on either side. Since the Viceroy went to Kwangsi, however, several prefectures have been lost to the rebels.

AN IMPUDENT CHIEFTAIN.

One rebel chief, Wong Ng Fi by name, sent a letter to the Viceroy, of which the following is a free translation:—"To H.E. Shun, We are well supplied with arms and ammunition, which your soldiers have been kind enough to send us as presents. Being well supplied now you need not send us any more. If you wish to have a real fight with us, you will have to bring a hundred more of your battalions into the field, so as to have a decisive fight and see who is the stronger or weaker. But in consideration for the fact that your Excellency also belongs to the same native place as we do, and that the people of Canton expect us to accomplish our end and aim, we do not like to crush your army with our full force. We request your Excellency therefore to stop this expedition and go away at once; then we will show you a little consideration. Otherwise we cannot guarantee your Excellency what our brethren will do." Upon receipt of this letter, the Viceroy was very angry and excited and at last, the story run, fell sick and died.

THE VICEROY'S MOVEMENTS.

Another reason which necessitates His Excellency's return is that in Canton questions of serious importance, the local officials cannot take upon themselves to decide and they must wait till the Viceroy comes back. He is now in Lochow, where he does not intend to stay long. He will hand over the command of the entire army to generals Fung Tse-chai and Chang Housai to take charge of before he comes back.

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

With reference to the recently formed Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals there seems to be a general impression, more especially amongst the ladies of the colony, that membership in this society must necessarily entail the possible annoyance of attendance at the Police Court for the purpose of giving evidence against persons accused of cruelty. We are asked to state that the primary object of the society is not prosecution, but rather the suppression of cruelty to all dumb animals by the educating of the ignorant by example and precept, and in this way the ladies of the colony can very greatly assist the society both by teaching their children to be kind to animals, and in seeing that their servants do not abuse them. The hope of the promoters of the society is that, under ordinary conditions, prosecution need only be resorted to in gross and flagrant cases. Every individual is able to give the society a helping hand and it is greatly to be hoped that those who have hesitated to enroll themselves as members from a reluctance to Police Court appearance will now do so. We would further say that it will, in most cases, be sufficient to inform the police of instances of cruelty coming under anyone's observation, and they will then undertake the proper means for bringing the culprit to punishment.

STEAMER ICE-CHESTS.

With reference to the Report of Dr. Moore, Acting Health Officer to the Shanghai Municipal Council, reproduced in our yesterday's issue, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire write as follows to the Shanghai papers:—"We are authorised by that gentleman to state that he has ascertained from the Deputy Health Officer of the Port that his remarks as to the extremely filthy state in which he found the ice-chests had no reference to the vessels of our fleet, as on none of them had he found the state of things, to which he objected, existing." Dr. Moore further authorises us to state that the vessel on which they found native ice, on their inspection of 9th instant, was not one of our steamers.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The A.L. steamer *Pernio* left Shanghai for this port on the 14th inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Kamakura Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 15th inst., and is expected here on the 18th inst., at daylight.

The P. & O. steamer *Mazagon* left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst., at 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Idzumi Maru* (Bombar Line) left Kobe for this port on the 13th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.

The T.K.K. steamer *Rondell Maru* left Manila on the 15th inst., p.m., and is expected here to-morrow, at about 5 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 14th September.

SIR,—Allow me to bring to the notice of the public that the Powers that be are having great difficulty in carrying out the provisions of the above Ordinance. Take for instance the cubicle question, which was found on application to be too drastic and could not be applied without great modification; and now other sections have sprung up which are having the same effects.

The sections I refer to are section 140 and 170, No. 1 of 1903. Section 140 clearly states that every domestic building and every floor of a domestic building which is separately let for dwelling purposes, shall be provided with a kitchen area of not less than fifty square feet. Section 170 of the same Ordinance states that every domestic building shall be provided by the owner with an open space in the rear, by opening up in each story one half of the entire space intervening between the principal room or rooms and the main wall at the back of such building as well as the corresponding portion of the roof, etc. Now this is all very well to say that every domestic building must have a kitchen area of not less than 50 square ft., but what about the buildings which have two or more kitchens? The kitchens used by Europeans are more than the specified requirements, and if the kitchen used by the servants of the same building is less than 50 square feet it is illegal, as the law does not say that every kitchen shall be 50 square feet.

Also as regards section 175, which will have an effect on section 140 No. 1, 1903. Ordinance No. 13 of 1901, section 55A, is identical with section 175 of the present Ordinance. Now in 1901, owners of property were forced at a great expense of over \$1,000,000 to comply with section 55A, No. 13, 1901, thereby making their existing kitchens half yard half kitchen, and reducing the space of the kitchen; and now the majority of Chinese dwellings have not a kitchen of fifty square feet. The majority of Chinese dwellings are at the present time in accord with section 175 and to encroach on the yard space to enlarge kitchen area would be illegal according to section 175. What is the remedy? Supposing owners of property were to put their hands in their pockets and pay another \$2,000,000 to architects and contractors, they can pull down and rebuild the cross-wall and this would make the habitable space of the house smaller. Now did any one ever see such nonsense in any civilised country? Notices are being served on every owner to comply with section 140; also notice on owners who were missed or passed under section 55A, No. 13, 1901. Now to comply with section 175 what is to be done for the betterment of sanitation and overcrowding in this colony when we have such laws rushed through which look on first sight feasible, but on application cannot be enforced without great hardship to the property-owners who, after complying with a law passed two years ago, are waking up to find that what they spent then by order of the Government was useless and is all wrong. Who will pay for this? I say the Government should pay. What should be done in this Colony is to let the existing buildings, passed and approved by the P.W.D. and S.B. stand as they are, and that every new building should comply with the new Ordinance. Of course section 140 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 says exemption can be granted by the Building Authority, but it is very seldom granted, and it is no use owners trusting on getting that exemption, as it has been already refused to owners on several occasions.—Yours, etc., STONEWALL.

JAPAN, RUSSIA, AND CHINA.

According to the *N.C. Daily News* correspondent at Peking, Russia has submitted to China a new series of demands, consisting of five or seven articles. Their acceptance is a condition precedent to the evacuation of Manchuria, but their contents are kept secret.

Mr. Uchida, the Japanese Minister, in an interview with Prince Ching at Shu Park, on the 10th inst., made the strongest possible protest against the new Russian proposal.

Our Shanghai contemporary's Tokyo correspondent states that the Japanese Press strongly condemns the new Russian proposals, and expresses its surprise that such conditions should be formulated at Peking, while direct negotiation is pending in Russia. Japan considers that the proposals indicate the nominal substitution of a commercial for a military occupation, but create an armed camp in the middle of Manchuria along the Sungari. Should China make such a concession in the case of the Sungari, other Powers will be entitled to similar concessions on any Chinese river. The papers also object to the unreasonable delay in the evacuation of Manchuria, also to the proposed differential rate of duty on rail-borne goods, which conflicts with the new treaty tariff. They denounce the special privileges granted to Russian banks outside the Settlements; they consider that the telegraph monopoly, which Russia will enable Russia to practically close that port. Finally, they urge replacing diplomatic amenities by firm demands.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—"The barometer is inclined to fall generally, except over the Philippines. Pressure remains high to the NE. of Japan and relatively low over N. China and also over the Pacific to the NE. of the Philippines. Gradients slight, with moderate NE. winds in the Formosa Channel and N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Light to moderate NE. winds, fine."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE MATTER OF Ordinance No. 2 of 1892.

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of GERALD EDWARD HOLLAND, C.I.E., D.S.O., Commander, Royal Indian Marine, and HENRY JOHNSTON, Engineer, both of Hongkong, for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of an Invention for Improvements in Elevators for Loading and Unloading Coal or other Fragmentary Materials.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition Declaration and Specification required by Ordinance No. 2 of 1892 have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary and that it is the intention of the said GERALD EDWARD HOLLAND and HENRY JOHNSTON to apply for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the Colony of the said invention at a sitting of the Executive Council before whom the matter of the said Petition will come for decision to be held at the Council Chamber, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and three.

Dated the Fifteenth day of September, 1903.

DENNIS & BOWLEY,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

DANCING.

MRS. DONALDSON (Daughter of Rosemount Dancing Academy, Glasgow) has pleasure in informing the residents of Hongkong and district that she is opening DANCING CLASSES for BEGINNERS at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 5th OCTOBER. Great pains will be taken in training Pupils, and none but those really desirous of learning the art need enrol themselves, as discipline in the class-room is essential and will be insisted upon.

ADULT BEGINNERS' CLASSES—MONDAY and THURSDAY, from 8.15 to 9.15 p.m.; Fee, \$10 a month, SATURDAY, from 8.15 to 9.15 p.m.; Fee, \$6 a month. (Pupils enrolled at the ROBINSON PIANO CO., Ltd.)

ADVANCED or PRACTICE CLASS—WEDNESDAY, from 8.15 to 9.45 p.m.; Fee, \$6 a month.

JUVENILE BEGINNERS' CLASS—SATURDAYS, from 3 to 5 p.m.; Fee, \$6 a month.

NOTE.—When there are three children from one family, the third will be allowed half fee.

PRIVATE LESSONS given at hours to suit the convenience of pupils. For further information enquire of the ROBINSON PIANO CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2696]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 16th SEPTEMBER, 1903, at 12 O'CLOCK Noon, on Marine Lot 39 (close to YACHT FERRY WHARF), YAMUOI, 2,200 TONS JAPANESE COAL, (more or less loaded).

A steam launch will leave Blake Pier at 11.30 A.M. to convey intending purchasers.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2697]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWAPOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

"HALLOONG,"
Captain Evans, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 17th inst., at 10 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2694]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

"NAMSANG,"
Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2693]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"JASON" are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Chiff, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 16th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chipped, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 22nd inst.

No Claims will be admitted, after the Goods have left the steamers Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject to suit.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 23rd inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1903. [10-12]

ENTERTAINMENT

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

A PROMENADE CONCERT

will be held at HEAD QUARTERS, PARADE GROUND (If weather is unfavourable at the City Hall), on SATURDAY, the 19th SEPTEMBER, at 9 P.M.

Admission—\$2. Soldiers, and Volunteers in Uniform, 50 cents.

Tickets at HEAD QUARTERS from Officers of Corps, and at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd. Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2591]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 16th SEPTEMBER, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at No. 13, KUTWED TERRACE, THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE therein contained, comprising:—SILK TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, DOUBLE & SINGLE IRON BEDSTEPS WITH WIRE and RATTAN MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTEL WITH GLASS, DINNER WAGGON, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, CARD TABLE, PICTURES, DINNER SERVICE, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c.

Also One LADY'S and One GENT'S BICYCLE, One RICKSHA, One CROQUET SET and One IRON SAFE.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2558]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 17th SEPTEMBER, 1903, at 11 A.M., at the ARMY ORDNANCE STORES, Queen's Road East, the following GOVERNMENT STORES at the ARSENAL YARD:—OLD BRASS, GUNMETAL, COPPER, LEAD, ZINC, STEEL, CAST, WROUGHT, TARED and PLAIN CANVAS, ROPE, DOOSOTIE, BUNTING, LINEN, COTTON, and WOOLLEN RAGS, TARED OAKUM, OLD WOOD, PACKING CASKS, &c., &c.

Catalogues can be had at the Ordnance Office or from the Auctioneers.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery. All faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. All lots to be cleared within 48 hours.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2569]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on FRIDAY, the 18th SEPTEMBER, 1903, at 3 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street, One (1) Grey Country-bred MARE; One Bay Country-bred MARE; One Brown ARAB Entire—CHARGER, &c., &c.

And probably a few more.

The above are all good Polo Ponies, and the second one carries a lady.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1903. [2597]

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON ACCOUNT OF DEPARTURE.

THE Undersigned are in receipt of instructions from J. W. NORTON Kyshe, Esq., to offer for Sale, on SATURDAY, the 19th SEPTEMBER instant, at his residence, 5, CAMERON VILLAS, Peak, all his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, comprising:—RED-ROOM, DRAWING ROOM and DINING-ROOM REQUISITES, &c., &c.

Further particulars, together with the hour of commencement of sale, will be advertised in due course.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 9th September, 1903. [2543]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 21st day of SEPTEMBER, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Tung-Loo-Wan in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty's Land, for one further term of 75 years.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 9th September, 1903. [2543]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

QUAN WAH & CO.,
GRANITE MERCHANT CONTRACTORS,
Dealers in MARBLE and GRANITE MONUMENTS,
No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
Estimates, Designs & Prices on Application.
All descriptions of Granite for Export.
Hongkong, 17th October, 1902. [2594]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

of the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, on SATURDAY, the 26th SEPTEMBER, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1903.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 26th SEPTEMBER, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1903. [2568]

HUMPHREY'S ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF HUMPHREY'S ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of OCTOBER, 1903, at Noon, when the Subjoined Resolutions will be proposed, viz:—

1. "That the Capital of this Company be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each) to \$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered and all shares of \$10 each to be allotted to the present shareholders of the Company at par in the ratio and proportion of one new share for every two old shares in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such new shares respectively to be paid at such time or times and in such manner as the Company by its General Managers may hereafter determine."

2. "That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor:—

"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$4,000 per annum (which shall cover office rent but not salaries of Secretary and other employees) and a commission of 3 per cent. of the net profits of the Company amount to 7 per cent. of the Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed they will be submitted for confirmation at a Special Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, the 31st day of OCTOBER, 1903, at Noon, when the General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1903.

JOHN D. HUMPHREY & SON,
General Managers.

[2565]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong Club, payable on WEDNESDAY, the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1903, will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M. on SATURDAY, the 19th SEPTEMBER, 1903.

Members of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order, C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [2564]

FEW MEN CAN BE SURE that their old age will be free from the cares of poverty. But most men can free themselves from such cares by investing in an Instalment Endowment of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which will provide an absolutely certain and permanent income of from \$200 to \$20,000 a Year for their mature years, without sinking much capital to secure the income.

And moreover, in case of premature death, the income commences at once to the family.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

(JERRY B. HYDE, Founder.)

1848] F. KIENE, Manager.

NOTICE.

THERE is a Vacancy for a Third APOTHECARY'S ASSISTANT in the Government Civil Medical Department. Applicants must have good knowledge of English and some previous knowledge of dispensing.

Salary \$240 a year, rising by \$50 annually to \$490, with a five years' agreement. Further particulars can be obtained on application to the Assistant Analyst and Apothecary at the Government Civil Hospital, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 1 P.M., on and up to 30th September.

J. M. ATKINSON,
Principal Civil Medical Officer,
Government Civil Medical Department,
15th September, 1903. [2596]

NOTICE.—FOR SALE.

THE SWATOW HOTEL, SWATOW.

SPLENDID SITUATION for HOTEL, OFFICES, or GODOWNS.

THIS Hotel is situated two minutes' walk from landing, commands a splendid view of the Harbour, and is close to steamers lying alongside of wharves.

THE ONLY HOTEL IN SWATOW.

For Sale—the Hotel, Land, and Property with site places, Furniture, Stock, and Goodwill of Business; together with a Lease of another Eleven Houses adjoining the Hotel, making one whole block.

The Lease has Six Years to run, with an option of another Eight Years.

The Hotel comprises:—Bar, Two Billiard-rooms, Dining-room, Music-room, Sitting-room, Five Bed-rooms, Boys'-room, Kitchen, Store-room, and Private Quarters.

The Proprietor begs to mention the reason of the sale is on account of his wishing to go home for treatment of an eye affliction.

For further Particulars, apply to the Owner and Proprietor,

F. H. HYDE.

Swatow, 29th August, 1903. [2600]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

CHINESE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COMPANY, IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS.

THIS Company's Office are Established at Nos. 20 and 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD opposite Douglas Pier.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP LINE FROM JAVA TO CHINA AND JAPAN, AND BACK.

THE REAL AGENCY of the above Company has been OPENED at No. 3, DODDLE STREET.

R. BISSCHOP, General Agent.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. [2597]

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

RICHARD A. MCCUEY, President.

ORGANISED IN 1843.

M. GEORGE ECKLEY has been appointed AGENCY DIRECTOR of the above Company and a Branch Office has been opened in the Hongkong Club Annex, Ground Floor, Clatter Road.

By Order, BASIL H. BETTS,
Special Representative for Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [2591]

THOMAS P. HALL,

FOR many years Master in the Service of Douglas Steamship Company, Limited, has the honour to inform the Shipping and Mercantile Community that he has this day established himself as a MARINE SURVEYOR.

OFFICE: 1, PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, 10th August, 1903. [2516]

NOTICE.

M. F. ESBOM and M. P. KUNZE have this day been authorised to SIGN our Firm Jointly per PROCURATION.

EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1903. [2579]

WANTED.

CHINESE OFFICE BOY. Must be able to read and write English well. Salary \$25 per month.

Apply—D. C.,
Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1903. [2594]

WANTED.

AN Expert LADY STENOGRAPHER and TYPEWRITER.

State Salary and Experience to—A. I.,
Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1903. [2443]

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO GOVERNMENT.

WANTED.

A CHINESE OVERSEER of Public Works in Sandakan, about 25 years of age, with experience and able to do his own planning. Must speak and write English.

Salary \$75 per mensem.
House Allowance 50
Horse Allowance 15
Second-class passage provided to Sandakan. A trial of a few months will be given and if not satisfactory return passage paid.

Apply to GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Hongkong, 4th September, 1903. [2493]

WANTED FOR CANTON.

A Canton Import Firm requires a reliable and experienced IMPORT BROKER. Offers stating former employment and giving references to be sent under—D. D. X.,
Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1903. [2586]

WANTED.

BY a Young Man, BOARD and RESIDENCE in Private Family.

Apply, stating terms—K.,
Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1903. [2586]

ASPARAGUS. ASPARAGUS.

SWEET INDIAN CORN.

FRESH HONEY IN COMBS.

75 cents per lb.

All these can be had fresh every day. Please call at CHING SHAN CHAN,
No. 41, Central Market.

Hongkong, 9th September, 1903. [1880]

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The Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers payable at its Branches and Agencies.

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Advances made on approved securities. Bills Discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS. At 2% per annum on Current Account daily balances. 3% per annum on Fixed Deposits for 3 months. 4% " " " 6 " " " 12 " " " 18 " " " 24 " " " 36 " " " 48 " " " 60 " " " 72 " " " 84 " " " 96 " " " 108 " " " 120 " " " 132 " " " 144 " " " 156 " " " 168 " " " 180 " " " 192 " " " 216 " " " 240 " " " 252 " " " 264 " " " 276 " " " 288 " " " 300 " " " 312 " " " 324 " " " 336 " " " 348 " " " 360 " " " 372 " " " 384 " " " 396 " " " 408 " " " 420 " " " 432 " " " 444 " " " 456 " " " 468 " " " 480 " " " 492 " " " 504 " " " 516 " " " 528 " " " 540 " " " 552 " " " 564 " " " 576 " " " 588 " " " 600 " " " 612 " " " 624 " " " 636 " " " 648 " " " 660 " " " 672 " " " 684 " " " 696 " " " 708 " " " 720 " " " 732 " " " 744 " " " 756 " " " 768 " " " 780 " " " 792 " " " 804 " " " 816 " " " 828 " " " 840 " " " 852 " " " 864 " " " 876 " " " 888 " " " 900 " " " 912 " " " 924 " " " 936 " " " 948 " " " 960 " " " 972 " " " 984 " " " 996 " " " 1000 " " " 1012 " " " 1024 " " " 1036 " " " 1048 " " " 1060 " " " 1072 " " " 1084 " " " 1096 " " " 1108 " " " 1120 " " " 1132 " " " 1144 " " " 1156 " " " 1168 " " " 1180 " " " 1192 " " " 1204 " " " 1216 " " " 1228 " " " 1240 " " " 1252 " " " 1264 " " " 1276 " " " 1288 " " " 1300 " " " 1312 " " " 1324 " " " 1336 " " " 1348 " " " 1360 " " " 1372 " " " 1384 " " " 1396 " " " 1408 " " " 1420 " " " 1432 " " " 1444 " " " 1456 " " " 1468 " " " 1480 " " " 1492 " " " 1504 " " " 1516 " " " 1528 " " " 1540 " " " 1552 " " " 1564 " " " 1576 " " " 1588 " " " 1600 " " " 1612 " " " 1624 " " " 1636 " " " 1648 " " " 1660 " " " 1672 " " " 1684 " " " 1696 " " " 1708 " " " 1720 " " " 1732 " " " 1744 " " " 1756 " " " 1768 " " " 1780 " " " 1792 " " " 1804 " " " 1816 " " " 1828 " " " 1840 " " " 1852 " " " 1864 " " " 1876 " " " 1888 " " " 1900 " " " 1912 " " " 1924 " " " 1936 " " " 1948 " " " 1960 " " " 1972 " " " 1984 " " " 1996 " " " 2000 " " " 2012 " " " 2024 " " " 2036 " " " 2048 " " " 2060 " " " 2072 " " " 2084 " " " 2096 " " " 2108 " " " 2120 " " " 2132 " " " 2144 " " " 2156 " " " 2168 " " " 2180 " " " 2192 " " " 2204 " " " 2216 " " " 2228 " " " 2240 " " " 2252 " " " 2264 " " " 2276 " " " 2288 " " " 2300 " " " 2312 " " " 2324 " " " 2336 " " " 2348 " " " 2360 " " " 2372 " " " 2384 " " " 2396 " " " 2408 " " " 2420 " " " 2432 " " " 2444 " " " 2456 " " " 2468 " " " 2480 " " " 2492 " " " 2504 " " " 2516 " " " 2528 " " " 2540 " " " 2552 " " " 2564 " " " 2576 " " " 2588 " " " 2600 " " " 2612 " " " 2624 " " " 2636 " " " 2648 " " "

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SPECIALLY AND MOST CAREFULLY
CHOSEN,
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A QUANTITY OF OLD MUSIC STILL
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ALL ENQUIRIES WILL BE MOST
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Adelina Patti (Baroness Cederstrom) has given another great testimonial to the Apollo Piano player. She was so delighted with the instrument that she purchased by her last year that this second testimonial is even stronger than the first one that she gave.

Mme. Patti says that "the Apollo never has given her the slightest trouble and that the new concert grand is one of the most wonderful and perfect piano-players that she has ever seen."

Hongkong, 15th September, 1903. [2484]

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1903. [2011]

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The Best Nitro-Powder in the World.

Patent of 12-BORE CARTRIDGES.

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Apply to—WM. SCHMIDT & CO

Guns, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st July 1902 [191]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE

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MRS. GILLANDERS.

"GLENWOOD,"

21, CAINE ROAD.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [1915]

"TANG YUEN."

BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT.

SUMMER RATES. European Super-

vision. Excellent Cuisine and Accommodation.

MANAGERESS.

Apply—

FAIRALL & CO., Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1903. [681]

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"ST. GEORGE'S HOUSE,"

2 & 4, KENNEDY ROAD,

and

"TOWER HOUSE," Kennedy Road.

EXCELLENT Table. Every home comfort.

Well furnished rooms facing the harbour.

For terms, apply to—

Mrs. G. SACHSE,

"St. George's House,"

Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [632]

M. MATTHEW.

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

(Entrance by Zeland Street).

Opposite Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Booksellers.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1903. [1897]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED

ROOMS, with Bath.

Apply to Mrs. MATHUR,

2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1902.

TO LET

TO LET.

NO. 12, CASTLE ROAD.
Nos. 15, 17, 19 and 21, SEYMOUR ROAD.
GODOWN, No. 32c, PRAYA EAST.
Apply to—
COMPRADORE DEPARTMENT,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. [2459]

TO LET.

NO. 10, WYNDHAM STREET.
No. 24, CAINE ROAD.
FOR SALE—CHEAP.
"BAHAR LODGE" at the Peak.
And others to suit various requirements.
S. A. SEETHI.
Land and Estate Broker.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1903. [1396]

TO LET.

NO. 2, "MAGDALEN TERRACE,"
MAGAZINE GAP.
Apply to—
SPANISH PROCURATION.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1903. [73]

TO LET.

COMMODIOUS New Buildings in
SEYMOUR ROAD, Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 7.
Suitable for European Families. Terms
Moderate.
Apply to—
WING CHEONG,
35, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 14th August, 1903. [2295]

TO LET.

ONE ROOM, suitable for an Office, opposite
the Banks.
Apply—
H. C.
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 28th July, 1903. [2025]

TO LET.

NO. 155, PRAYA EAST. Spacious Two-
storied Godown. Suitable for Yarn or
Coal.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1903. [1988]

TO LET.

ROOMS on the TOP FLOOR of Messrs.
R. A. S. WATSON & CO'S NEW
PREMISES to let from early next year.
One GODOWN, No. 2, MATHESON
STREET (Wanchai).
Apply to—
LINSTED & DAVIS.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. [245]

TO LET.

ONE FIRST-CLASS SPACIOUS
GODOWN at West Point.
Apply to—
"GODOWN."
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 16th June, 1903. [1719]

TO LET.

FILATS in MORETON TERRACE,
CAUSEWAY BAY, facing the Polo Ground.
No. 2, RIFON TERRACE (in FLATS).
GODOWN at BOVRINGTON (PRAYA
EAST).
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1903. [71]

TO LET.

2ND FLOOR, No. 35, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL; suitable for Office.
Apply to—
WING CHEONG,
35, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 10th July, 1903. [1981]

TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE Possession.
"DURISDEER" MAGAZINE GAP.
Furnished.
Apply to—
HUGHES & HOUGH,
8, Des Vaux Road.
Hongkong, 31st August, 1903. [2442]

TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS—Nos. 95
and 97, PRAYA EAST.
Apply to—
H. N. MODY,
Victoria Buildings.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902. [82]

TO LET.

TO LET—WITH IMMEDIATE
POSSESSION.
ONE SUITE of ROOMS in the Ground
Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex,
suitable for Offices.
Apply to the undersigned.
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong Club.
Hongkong, 25th August, 1903. [1757]

TO LET.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE with a Private
Bath in a house on the upper levels.
Tennis Court.
Apply to—
M. M.
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [2566]

TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS NEW GODOWNS,
very suitable for Dry Goods.
Apply to—
W. LYSAGHT,
153, Wanchai Road.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [1163]

TO LET.

4 GODOWNS, A, B, C, D, in Russell Street.
Apply—
Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 9th September, 1903. [2542]

TO LET.

26, WYNDHAM STREET. Six-
Roomed House.
Apply to—
C. F. DE CARVALHO,
14, Arbuthnot Road.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. [2454]

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A LURKING PHANTOM: A STORY OF LOVE AND MYSTERY.

BY
JOHN BLOUNDELLE-BURTON
(Author of "The Hispaniola Plate," "The Year
One," "A Vanished Rival," &c.).

CHAPTER V. LADY BOTTELL'S SECRET.

Twenty-one years before that momentous meeting with Mr. Chantrey, when the far-consulted had informed Lady Bottrell that a man named Mark Furness was still in existence although he had long been thought dead, Rhoda Chantrey lived with her father at Winchmore, in Surrey, he being the Vicar of that small village. There she had lived from a baby, her mother having died in giving her birth, and there she had grown up under the care of her father and a young woman who acted as her nurse, and who continued to so act until the child no longer required one, after which Séverine Dupont remained on as general—and only—servant at the Vicarage.

This woman, who was nearly thirty at the time of Rhoda's birth, was, as her name proclaimed, a foreigner, she being in fact a Swiss from the French cantons, or rather the cantons on the French side of Switzerland, and she had been brought into Mr. Chantrey's service as a governess when he and his wife were travelling abroad. Hastily taken because Mrs. Chantrey had fallen suddenly ill in that city and, on the leading doctor being sent for, was pronounced as being very near the time when she would present her husband with either a son or daughter.

As a matter of fact Rhoda was born in Geneva, and Séverine, whose own husband was a waiter in London at one of those foreign restaurants which, at that time, were beginning to become popular, was only too willing to accompany the motherless child to England. If, indeed, she had not been extremely well to do, she would have lost her own child at its birth and, prior to being engaged by the Geneva physician for Mrs. Chantrey, had been making preparations to join her husband. She was not, however, fated to ever experience any domestic bliss with Isidore Dupont since, during the first year of her coming to England, she could not leave Rhoda alone at Winchmore, and, of course, could not take her to London, while, by the end of that time, Isidore Dupont was no longer in existence. The man had caught a bad cold in going out at night from the heated restaurant to his own lodgings, a garret two miles off, during a rigorous snowy winter; pneumonia followed and, in a fortnight, he died in the hospital to which he had been taken.

After that, Séverine Dupont determined to remain as long as she might be allowed to do so at Winchmore Vicarage and, as at the end of this narrative, she was still in the service of Lady Bottrell as maid, it is evident that her services had always been retained. She was, indeed, no longer a servant but a trusted friend of her mistress; one into whose sympathetic ears the many petty worries of a woman of society had often been poured, and she was, also, the recipient of many more youthful confidences from Maud Bottrell, whose bringing up she had had almost as much to do with as she had had to do with that of her mistress.

In the Vicarage, Rhoda grew from a pretty child to a beautiful girl, and from a beautiful girl to a lovely young woman, whose loveliness was much remarked upon by all in the locality. She was also, partly by the position which her father held and partly owing to her father's nature, which was that of a pleasure-loving man, able to move in the best society of the county. For Mr. Chantrey, who had done well at Cambridge, whence he had emerged a wrangler, had, like so many other wranglers, what does become of the wranglers in after-life?—every one faded out of any popularity which he had momentarily obtained, and he either being forced to, or content to, subside into an obscure country vicarage, where he considered himself as utterly lost.

Yet, possibly because of his powers of calculation which led to his so distinguishing himself at Cambridge, he very early after going to Winchmore began to consider and calculate how he might make the best of the existence to which he was doomed. In doing so, and aided by local talk and gossip, as well as the County Directory, he was able to discover that, although Winchmore was a secluded out-of-the-way place, it was also surrounded by many other places from which he might manage to draw a considerable amount of amusement and interest. An old pupil of his, who was now Member for the Division, owned a charming place not five miles off; a Cabinet Minister, whose son he had coached, lived another five miles off on the other side of Winchmore, and a sporting peer, who had managed to lose the Derby twice by the shortest of heads, had purchased an establishment within half an hour's walk of the village. To which important items had also to be added the facts that the Bishop's residence, Farnham Castle, was not ten miles away—the episcopal Port was celebrated!—and that Alderhot was close at hand.

The years went on and, to qualify the French proverb, resembled each other. Rhoda became a welcome caller, visitor, and guest at the best country houses she had played tennis in every "court" for miles around and danced with—as she sometimes said—"the whole Army List," as regiment after regiment marched in and marched out again from the cavalry barracks and the huts and lines of the North and South Camps. And she was eighteen: the time at which a young English girl is either a goddess or—nothing.

That Rhoda Chantrey was a goddess nobody knew better than her astute father who, for years, had been watching her development and increasing beauty, and weighing and calculating the value of that beauty, as formerly he had calculated quantities, units, and manifold.

as well as other interesting computations! Rhoda was eighteen at this time, and the Rev. Mr. Chantrey thought that, at last, he was about to reap the reward of being the father of so fair a daughter.

"I had," he said to her one summer night at this period, when he and Rhoda sat in the quaint old garden of the Vicarage and he drank his after dinner cup of coffee made by Séverine, while he sipped alternately a glass of green Chartreuse, which came out of a bottle that was one of half-a-dozen presented to him at Christmas by the sporting peer who had twice lost the Derby. "I had a charming lunch to day with the—th Dragons. You know they embark for India in a month's time?"

"Yes," Rhoda said, speaking in an almost indifferent tone, "I know. There are one or two other regiments going at about the same time."

"Oh, yes," Mr. Chantrey said, with an even more accentuated tone of indifference than that of his daughter. "One or two infantry regiments. We don't know anybody much in them."

"No, nor in the—th Dragons either."

"Oh! I don't know," Mr. Chantrey said, while his eyes strayed over his rebooshes and double pincettes, on which he prided himself particularly. "I don't know. You have one or two very considerable admirers amongst them."

"Have I? None of them have ever told me so. At any rate there is no one amongst them whom I admire."

Mr. Chantrey filled the liquor glass by his hand half full—only half full—and sipped it meditatively for a moment and then got up from his seat and walked towards a General Jacquemont and smiled the buds; then he came back to where his daughter was sitting and subsided into his garden chair once more.

"One of them told me to-day that he admired you," he said. "One of them, who asked me if I thought he might ask you to become engaged to him before the regiment sailed?"

"There is no one in that regiment," Rhoda said, her voice not only sounded clear and distinct but also very cold, "to whom I should think of becoming engaged. I hope you told him so?"

"I told him nothing of the sort. On the contrary, I told him he would have my best wishes in his suit."

"Father! How could you? Oh! yes—interrupting Mr. Chantrey in what he was going to say, "you need not trouble to tell me. I know what it is. There is only one man in that regiment who was likely to say such a thing to you. Geoffrey Bottrell."

"I don't admit that, remembering your beauty. But he is the only man in the regiment who will have three thousand a year when his father dies, and who will be able to give you a title."

"Possibly. But if he were the heir to ten times thirty thousand a year and could make me a duchess, I would not marry him."

"What rubbish! Why not?"

"I do not care about him, to say nothing of loving him. He is indifferent to me."

"Upon my word, Rhoda, you are inexplicable! Here you are, the daughter of a miserable country vicar, a fellow with a beggarly £200 a year—for there is nothing left now of the money your poor mother possessed—and you turn up your nose at every man who is worth having. There was only a month ago—"

"I know! Mr. Simpson, the wealthy man who had made all his money in furnishing ships with lamps and cabin fittings, and so on. Did you think I should marry him?"

"No, of course not; because you know I thought him a good match. Of course not! That was the last thing you would be likely to do. I suppose you have got some romantic tom-fool idea in your head about love, and all that. I wonder you don't fall in love with one of those fellows in an infantry regiment because he's got nothing but an allowance of £70 a year from his father and his pay, and an outfit from the Stores—"

"Very likely I should if I knew anyone worth falling in love with. His means wouldn't make any difference to me. One can't love to order, or according to a person's banking account."

"What do you mean to do with yourself, then?"

"Not marry anyone. Certainly not Geoffrey Bottrell. I'll stay here as long as you will have me, and when you won't, I daresay I can manage to live somehow."

"Don't talk such absolute rubbish," Mr. Chantrey answered pettishly. "And," he continued, "it's a sin, it's positively wicked, to behave as you do. Downright wicked. When Lieutenant Bottrell is Sir Geoffrey Bottrell his wife will be one of the leading women in London, and one of the richest."

"That wife will not be me. If Mr. Bottrell comes to me I shall say so, so plainly—as plainly as I can without hurting, it's feelings—that he will never ask me again. You had better write to him to-night and tell him so. I will marry nobody. Nobody. That I love them."

And, as she spoke, Mr. Chantrey groaned aloud.

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AUSTRALIAN PORTS	JATA	Brit. str.	K. Kori	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	2nd Oct., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KAGOSHIMA	Jap. str.	J. MacKenzie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHINTU	Brit. str.	J. MacKenzie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th inst., D'light.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KANAGAWA	Jap. str.	Grandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	19th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	PRONTO	Brit. str.	C. Dowers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	NANGHANG	Brit. str.	C. Dowers	MELCHERS & Co.	Quick despatch.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	WUONG	Brit. str.	C. Dowers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	FOOCHOW	Brit. str.	C. Dowers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TIENSHIN	Brit. str.	C. Dowers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	F. FERNAND	Brit. str.	C. Dowers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	ANNA	Brit. str.	C. Dowers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CORONADEL	Brit. str.	C. Dowers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KWELIN	Brit. str.	C. Dowers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	T. W. Groves	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	MAIZURU	Jap. str.	T. W. Groves	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	ANING MARU	Jap. str.	T. W. Groves	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	HAIRONG	Brit. str.	E. S. Smith	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	To-morrow, 10 A.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KAIKONG	Brit. str.	E. S. Smith	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	ROKITA MARU	Jap. str.	H. S. Smith	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	G. S. Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	18th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	RUBI	Brit. str.	E. W. Almond	SHAWMAN & Co.	19th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHINTU	Brit. str.	J. Med. Howie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th October.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	PERIA	Brit. str.	J. McGinty	SHAWMAN & Co.	19th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	WUCHANG	Brit. str.	J. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	22nd inst., at 5 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	INDAMU MARU	Jap. str.	G. S. Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	23rd inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	NAMANG	Brit. str.	G. S. Weigall	MESSEGERIES MARITIMES	About 19th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	GRONDE	Brit. str.	A. E. Mongor	CHI WO	Quick despatch.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	S'HAU	Brit. str.	A. E. Mongor	CHI WO	Quick despatch.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
 HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO
 AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship
 "SEYDLITZ".

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
 Captain C. Dowers, due here with the outward
 German Mail about the 18th inst., at 4 P.M.,
 will leave for the above places about 12 1/2 hours
 after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
 For further Particulars, apply to
 MELCHERS & CO.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1903. [5]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
 COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.
 THE Company's Steamship
 "LOONGSANG".

Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as
 above on FRIDAY, the 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
 This Steamer has superior accommodation for
 First-Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout
 with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
 General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1903. [2584]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
 GATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
 FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT),
 Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG,
 CALCUTTA, COLOMBO, ADEN,
 SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils,
 to South Africa, Red Sea, Black Sea,
 Levant, Venice and Adriatic Ports.)

THE Company's Steamship
 "PERSIA".

Captain Craglietto, will be despatched as above
 on SATURDAY, the 19th September, P.M.
 This Steamer has capital accommodation for
 Passengers, Electric Light and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight,
 apply to
 SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1903. [3]

THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAM-
 SHIP COMPANY.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW
 YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
 "NORDKYN", Captain A. Boer,

will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 30th
 SEPTEMBER.

For Freight, &c., apply to
 SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
 General Agents.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1903. [2440]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
 LIMITED.

HONGKONG-MANILA.
 REDUCED SALOON PASSAGE
 MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20; RETURN, \$35.
 STEAMERS FITTED THROUGHOUT WITH
 ELECTRIC LIGHT, FIRST CLASS ACCOM-
 MODATION, UNVALUED TABLE, DAILY
 QUALIFIED SURGEON CARRIED.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 AGENTS.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1903. [1904]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

KAMAKURA MARU. MARSEILLES, LONDON and
 ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, &c.
 H. Peterson. SATURDAY, 19th Sep.

TOSA MARU. PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT
 SAID. SATURDAY, 19th Sep.

INDRAVELL MARU. VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE,
 U.S.A. via SHANGHAI, MOJI,
 KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA. TUESDAY, 22nd Sep.

INDRAVELL MARU. BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and
 COLOMBO. TUESDAY, 22nd Sep.

KANAGAWA MARU. KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA. FRIDAY, 25th Sep.

KAGOSHIMA MARU. MOJI, KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA. FRIDAY, 25th Sep.

K. Kori. SATURDAY, 26th Sep.

INABA MARU. MARSEILLES, LONDON and
 ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, &c.
 W. Bainbridge. SATURDAY, 3rd Oct.

KAMA MARU. VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE,
 U.S.A. via SHANGHAI, MOJI,
 KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA. TUESDAY, 6th Oct.

G. Anderson. at 4 P.M.

Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada
 and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers
 Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class through
 passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's
 Local Branch Office in Prince's Building First Floor, Charter Road.

Apply to— T. S. TAKAYANAGI, Acting Manager. [9]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Segulitz*, with the German Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 12th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 4 p.m.
The *Amara*, with the French Mail of the 21st ult., left Singapore on Monday, the 14th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on about Monday, the 21st inst. This Packet brings replies to O.A.M., and may be expected here on about Monday, the 21st inst.
The *Amara*, with the American Mail of the 25th ult., left Yokohama on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on about Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton	Fatshan	Wednesday, 16th, 7.30 A.M.
Quang Chow, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hue	Wednesday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Suining	Wednesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
Kobe	Chingai	Wednesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Ningpo	Maizuru Maru	Wednesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
Hongkong	P. C. C. Kiao	Wednesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Chongang	Wednesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore	Kintok	Wednesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.

Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra
Postage 10 cents)
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes
in time for the first clearance will be
included in this contract mail.)

FOR	PER	DATE
Macao	Hongkong	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Kaifong	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Chingai	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore	Chongang	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Yokohama	Maizuru Maru	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Chongang	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Chongang	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Chongang	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Chongang	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Tientsin	Chongang	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Chongang	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Chongang	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.
Sale, Coal, Marine Lot, 30, Yau-mai, Mr.
Geo. P. Lam, noon.
Sale, Household Furniture, 13, Knutsford
Terrace, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Sale, Stores, Army Ordnance Stores, Queen's
Road East, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11 a.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON	ON LONDON
Telegraphic Transfer	1/10
Bank Bills, on demand	1/10
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/10
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/10
Credit, at 4 months sight	1/10
Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight	1/10
ON PARIS	ON PARIS
Bank Bills, on demand	231
Credit, at 4 months sight	234
ON GERMANY	ON GERMANY
On demand	187
ON NEW YORK	ON NEW YORK
Bank Bills, on demand	44
Credit, at 60 days sight	45
ON HONGKONG	ON HONGKONG
Telegraphic Transfer	135
Bank, on demand	137
ON CALCUTTA	ON CALCUTTA
Telegraphic Transfer	136
Bank, on demand	137
ON SHANGHAI	ON SHANGHAI
Bank, at sight	72
Private, 30 days sight	73
ON YOKOHAMA	ON YOKOHAMA
On demand	89
ON MANILA	ON MANILA
On demand	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE	ON SINGAPORE
On demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA	ON BATAVIA
On demand	110
ON HAIKONG	ON HAIKONG
On demand	2 p.m.
ON SAIGON	ON SAIGON
On demand	12 p.m.
ON BANGKOK	ON BANGKOK
On demand	62
FOREIGNERS, Bank's Buying Rate	11
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tola	59.20
SILVER, per oz.	28

OPIMUM.

Quotations are:	Allowance
Malwa New	1000 to 1 ratty
Malwa Old	1000 to 1 ratty
Malwa Older	1000 to 1 ratty
Malwa V. Old	1000 to 1 ratty
Perian fine quality	880 to 1 ratty
Perian extra fine	880 to 1 ratty
Patana New	1100 to 1 ratty
Patana Old	1100 to 1 ratty
Patana New	1100 to 1 ratty
Patana Old	1100 to 1 ratty

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German mail steamer *Segulitz* left Singapore on the 12th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 4 p.m.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & O. steamer *Coptic* left Nagasaki for Manila on the 8th inst., and is due to arrive here on the 13th inst. and at this port on or about the 17th inst.
The T.K.K. steamer *America* Maru left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 25th ult.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 7th inst., p.m., for Hongkong, via the usual ports of call.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The A.L. steamer *Manzan* left Shanghai for this port on the 14th inst.
The T.K.K. steamer *Rosetta* Maru left Manila on the 15th inst., and is expected here to-morrow, at about 5 p.m.
The A.L. steamer *Ernst Ferdinand* left Singapore for this port on the 10th inst.
The P. & O. steamer *Jura* left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., at 7 a.m.
The N.Y.K. steamer *Kanagawa Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 15th inst., and is expected here on the 18th inst., at daylight.
The C.C. steamer *Altoll* left Moji on the 13th inst., and is due here on the 18th inst.
The steamer *Gironde* left Kobe for Hongkong direct on the 13th inst., at daylight, and is due here on the 18th inst., at daylight.
The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on the 14th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. to-day.
The P. & O. steamer *Manzan* left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst., at 6 a.m.
The N.Y.K. steamer *Azuma Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port on the 13th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.
The E. & A. steamer *Australia* left Port Darwin on the 14th inst. for Manila and Hongkong.
The C.N. steamer *Taiyuan*, from Australian ports via Macao, left Sydney on the 5th inst., and is expected here on the 25th inst.
The N.Y.K. steamer *Kagoshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port on the 12th inst., and is expected here on the 29th inst.

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Hongkong, 14th September.

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Poon Shans

Bell's Amoy & Co.

Campbell, Moore & Co.

China-Borneo Co., Ltd.

China Light and

Power Co., Ltd.

China Sugar

Cigar Companies

Alhambra, Ltd.

Philippine Tobacco

Trust Co., Ltd.

Dairy Farm

Green Island (Canton)

L. & Co. (Canton)

Hongkong & C. (Canton)

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PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.

Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1897.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897.

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ESTABLISHED 1836.

THE Undersigned Agents of above Company are prepared to accept First-class Foreign and Chinese RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

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Hongkong, 14th January, 1903.

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HOIZ, JACOB & CO.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1903.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1902.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL

PAID-UP CAPITAL

II. FIRE FUNDS

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1903.

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The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

W. H. HUMPHREYS & CO.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1903.

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SIEMSEN & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1902.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 20th May 1895.

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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S.S. "HANKOW," 2,373 tons, Captain C. V. Lloyd.
S.S. "KINSHAN," 2,380 tons, Captain J. J. Lousier.

Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at about 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. (Sunday excepted) and at about 6 p.m. (Saturday excepted).
Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily (Sunday excepted) at about 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.
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Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at about 7.30 a.m.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN," 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.

This Steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 a.m.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 a.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

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